

Report form

The report form offers you, as the victim, witness, parent, care worker or person concerned the opportunity to report an incident to the Police. You can provide as much or as little personal information about yourself as you wish.

- By completing the form, you give the Police and partner organisations working with them the opportunity to investigate matters that need attention. Then you can let people know what is going on in your district, neighbourhood or town.
- The report form can be completed anonymously. In this case, you won't need to mention your personal details. The form will then be used to note down where and when incidents take place.
- With your personal details, the incident can be investigated in depth and you will be given the service you deserve and the support you need.

This Hate Crimes project has been set up in collaboration with: COC Nederland, Movisie, Art.1, Anne Frank Stichting, MeldM and Forum.

HATE CRIMES = DISCRIMINATION



The term 'hate crimes' has entered the Dutch language from English. Literally, it means criminal acts based on hate – but in Dutch we could also use the word 'discrimination'. This involves events that the victim, or someone else, believes were inspired by prejudice or hate. Anyone can be the victim of hate crimes. This is offensive: it can cause anger, distress, shame and anxiety. By reporting it, you can prevent someone else becoming the victim of a similar incident. So, making a report or declaration is important.

Are you the victim or witness, or do you want to report a hate crime on behalf of someone else?

You can report any incident that you believe was inspired by:

- discrimination on the grounds of homosexuality or transsexuality.

This can include verbal abuse (insults, name-calling), pestering, mistreatment, damaging your property, intimidation, graffiti, refusing access. The background to this sort of behaviour is discrimination. Even if you come across texts or images on a website that are insulting on the grounds of homosexuality or transsexuality for example, you can report this or make a declaration about it. This too is punishable by Law.

How can you report an incident?

There are various ways to report an incident:

Making a Report

- You can report the incident by using the report form in this folder pack or via the Internet on www.hatecrimes.nl.
- You can report incidents to other bodies, such as anti-discrimination agencies and COC to do this, see the chapter entitled 'Contact Details' in this pack. They can report the incident on your behalf and advise and assist you.

- You can report discriminatory websites to your local police station, anti-discrimination agencies or the Internet Discrimination Reporting centre.
- You can contact the Police. In this case, call 0900-8844 or contact the anti-discrimination agency in your neighbourhood: 0900-2354354 (10 ct p/m plus your mobile phone charges).
- The addresses and local phone numbers can be found on www.belgijsk.nl and www.art1.nl

Making a declaration

- You can call the police and make an appointment for a confidential interview and make a declaration, if you wish.
- You can indicate with the report form in this pack that you wish to make a declaration to the Police.